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SUBJECT: US-YUGOSLAVIAN HEALTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

1. EMBASSY IS ADVISED THAT HEW/OIH HAS ARRANGED INCOUNTRY PROGRAMS FOR TWO YUGOSLAV HEALTH SCIENTISTS UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF SUBJECT PROGRAM: 1) DR. MILUTIN ZIVKOVIC, DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION, IGALO AND 2) DR. DEJAN ZECEVIC, INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH, UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE. DR. ZIVKOVIC WILL BE COVERED UNDER PROGRAM FROM 7/2 THROUGH 7/16 AND INCLUDES VISITS TO RHEUMATOLOGY INSTITUTES IN BETHESDA, BOSTON, ROCHESTER AND NEW YORK CITY. DR. ZECEVIC WILL BE IN PROGRAM FOR RESEARCH WITH DR. HERBERT LEVITAN AT WOODSHOLE, MASS., 7/1 THROUGH 8/31.

2. WHILE HEW/OIH WAS PLEASED TO BE IN A POSITION TO ARRANGE INCOUNTRY PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE INCOUNTRY FINANCIAL SUPPORT, AS OUTLINED IN PARA. 3 BELOW, FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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THESE EXCHANGEES IT MUST BE NOTED THAT PROCEDURES USED IN THESE EXCHANGES WERE NOT CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL PROCEDURES AGREED PREVIOUSLY WITH THE YUGOSLAVS (RAJACIC AND SUTLOVIC). BOTH EXCHANGEES WERE VIRTUALLY IN COUNTRY BEFORE HEW WAS NOTIFIED OF YUGOSLAV DESIRE TO HAVE SPONSORSHIP UNDER PROGRAM. ALSO, NEITHER EXCHANGEES WAS PROVIDED DINARS FROM JOINT FUND PROJECT FOR EXCHANGEES PROGRAM SUPPORT.

3. HEW/OIH RECOGNIZES THAT FINAL GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM HAVE NOT BEEN FINALIZED, ALTHOUGH US DRAFTS ARE IN FAISECTC FOR APPROVAL OR AMENDMENT. IT IS ALSO RECOGNIZED THAT YUGOSLAVS ARE ANXIOUS TO HAVE PROGRAM BEGIN AND THAT CURRENT EXCHANGEES ARE EXCELLENT CANDIDATES. WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING, HEW/OIH WAS GLAD TO ACCOMMODATE YUGOSLAV DESIRES AND TO PROVIDE DOLLAR SUPPORT FOR INCOUNTRY. AT THE SAME TIME, HEW/OIH WOULD REQUEST EMBASSY TO PUSH FAISECTC TO EXPEDITE FINALIZATION OF GUIDELINES FOR PROGRAM AND FUTURE ADHERENCE TO THESE PROCEDURES, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED EXCHANGE.

4. HEW WILL COVER ALL INCOUNTRY COSTS FOR DR. ZIVKOVIC AND HAS ALREADY SENT DR. ZECEVIC FIRST MONTH STIPEND SUPPORT OF \$375 (FOR 7/1 TO 7/31 PERIOD). DR. ZECEVIC WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL \$375 FOR MONTH OF AUGUST AS WELL AS \$275 FOR LABORATORY FEES AT WOODSHOLE INSTITUTION. HEW/OIH FEELS THE FUNDING SOURCE SHOULD BE THE MONEY EARMARKED IN THE JOINT FUND FOR THE HEALTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM AND OIH WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN SECURING THIS FUNDING (\$650) FROM FUND. FAISECTC APPROVAL MUST BE OBTAINED AND BANK CHECK FOR DOLLARS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO HEW/OIH FOR TRANSMITTAL TO ZECEVIC. FYI - IF THIS PROCEDURE IS NOT POSSIBLE, HEW/OIH IS PREPARED TO UNDERWRITE ALL ZECEVIC'S COSTS BUT WOULD OPT FOR JF PROJECT SUPPORT

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AS FIRST CHOICE.

5. PLEASE ADVISE HEW/OIH OF VIEWS OF FAISECTC ON THESE EXCHANGEES. VANCE

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